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April 3, 2002 LB 862, 1021

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1021.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to adopt the E & R amendments for LB 1021. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Byars, AM3131.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM3131, to LB 1021.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes. Mr. President, I would ask that amendment be withdrawn.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Jensen, AM3219. (Legislative Journal page 1066.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM3219, to LB 1021.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. AM3219 contains provisions of LB 862 which was introduced by Senator Byars and heard by the Health and Human Services Committee. It was advanced unanimously by the committee. The bill provides for the licensure and regulation of crematories. Currently there are about 12 crematories operating in the state of Nebraska. All but one of those are being operated by licensed funeral establishments. Well, this bill was introduced by Senator Byars prior to what actually happened down in the state of Georgia, but however it did mean that this bill was very timely and certainly should be passed. The bill creates a new act called the Cremation of Human Remains Act. It contains the basic provisions of LB 862 as introduced. It also adds several additional sections to parallel those of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. To aid the department in administering of the act, the bill requires all crematory authorities operating crematories in the state to be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and